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SUBJECT: ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR'S COMMENTS ON CORPUS SEEN BY PRESS AS
WARNING TO PARAGUAY

1. MAJOR BRAZILIAN NEWSPAPER REPORTED DECEMBER 21 INFORMAL
COMMENTS THAT ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR TO BRAZIL OSCAR CAMILION
MADE TO REPORTERS DECEMBER 20 AFTER GIVING A SPEECH ON LATIN
AMERICAN INTEGRATION AT THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF BRASILIA.

2. CAMILION'S MOST INTERESTING COMMENT--AND THE ONE THAT
WAS GIVEN THE MOST PRESS PLAY--WAS HIS REMARK THAT
ARGENTINA WAS NOT IRREVOCABLY COMMITTED TO THE CONSTRUCTION
OF A MAJOR CORPUS HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT. HE SAID THAT
ARGENTINA WOULD ONLY PROCEED WITH A MAJOR CORPUS PROJECT
IF IT PROVED TO BE "PROFITABLE", AND THIS COULD ONLY BE
DETERMINED AFTER ARGENTINA AND PARAGUAY REACHED A DECISION
ON THE PRICE ARGENTINA WOULD PAY FOR THE CORPUS-
GENERATED ELECTRICITY TO BE PURCHASED FROM PARAGUAY.
IF THIS PRICE WAS TOO HIGH, CAMILION SAID, ARGENTINA
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WOULD CONSIDER OTHER SOLUTIONS TO THE ENERGY NEEDS
OF THE ARGENTINE NORTHEAST AND THE COUNTRY AS A
WHOLE. HE SAID THAT, FOR INSTANCE, THE SCALE OF
THE CORPUS PROJECT COULD BE REDUCED SO THAT IT
WOULD COVER ONLY THE NORTHEAST'S IMMEDIATE ENERGY
NEEDS, AND A NUCLEAR POWER PLANT COULD BE CON-
STRUCTED NEARER THE MAJOR ELECTRICITY DEMAND

CENTERS OF BUENOS AIRES AND CORDOBA. JORNAL DO
BRASIL INTERPRETED AMBASSADOR CAMILION'S REMARKS
AS "MORE A WARNING TO PARAGUAY THAN A CONCLUSIVE
DECLARATION REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF CANCELLING
THE CORPUS PROJECT."

3. JORNAL DO BRASIL ALSO REPORTED FROM "DIPLOMATIC
SOURCES" THAT BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA WILL MEET
JANUARY 2, 1978, TO PLAN A STRATEGY FOR THE
FEBRUARY TRIPARTITE MEETING IN ASUNCION; THIS
WAS INTERPRETED BY JORNAL DO BRASIL AS ANOTHER EFFORT
TO ISOLATE PARAGUAY.
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